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Stock of Coal with power Utilities
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the power utilities are sitting on over around 36 million tonne of coal ending April, 2016 against 29 million tonne last year, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the current coal stock accretion at the power utilities is the highest in four years, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the accumulating coal stocks is risky as they are combustible, pose environmental hazard and lose quality if left exposed for long, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : As on 28th April, 2016, the coal stock position reported by the power utilities was 35.92 Million Tonnes (MT) as against 29.76 MT as on 30th April, 2015.

(b) : The coal stock as on 31st March, 2016 was the highest in last four years. The details of coal stock position in the thermal power plants are as under:

S. No.	Coal Stock as on	Coal Stock (MT)
1	31.03.2013	18.98
2	31.03.2014	20.29
3	31.03.2015	26.10
4	31.03.2016	38.87

(c) : As on 13th July 2016, the actual coal stock position was 31.17 MT which is sufficient to operate the plants for 23 days as against the normative coal stock position of 28.45 MT to operate the plants for 21 days. Further, these power plants receive coal on daily basis and consume it based on their daily requirement in line with the generation schedule given to the plants. Hence, the coal stock is not static and is not stored for a long time.

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